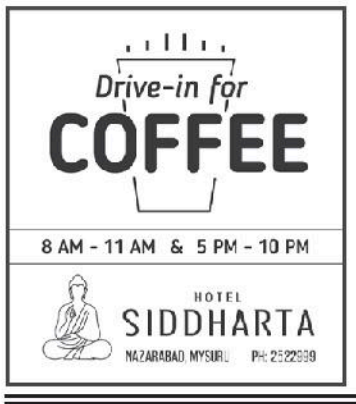

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Come April, MCC to issue Trade Licence online

Mysuru, Feb.25 (DM&RK)- Seeking to put an end to the constraints faced by traders and other business fraternity in getting trade licence from the civic body, the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) has proposed to issue trade licences online with effect from Apr.1, 2022.

While on the one hand several businessmen were tired of making frequent visits to the MCC Office for getting the trade licence as there were too many procedures, some others used to keep silent after making several futile attempts to obtain one. This was causing huge revenue loss to the MCC.

MCC Zone-3 Assistant Commissioner Satyamurthy and staff engaged in uploading application forms to the new software at the MCC Office in Sharadadevinagar yesterday.

Taking note of this, MCC Commissioner G. Lakshmikantha Reddy has decided to issue trade licence online from Apr.1.

There are about 40,000 commercial buildings including Kalyana Mantaps, function halls, theatres, private establishments etc., in the city, out of which only 20,000 have obtained trade licence, according to an estimate.

Now as the MCC has planned to issue trade licence online, the civic body is currently busy in uploading the appropriate software that contains necessary details such as measurement of buildings etc. Sources said that the work on uploading the software began about a fortnight ago and will be completed in a month.

Trial run from Mar. 15

To begin with, the MCC has uploaded 10,000 applications in the software. The online renewal of trade licences will begin on an experimental basis from Mar.15 and the initiative will be formally launched from Apr.1.

Those applying for the first time seeking trade licence should apply online. After receiving the application, the MCC officials will visit the spot for an inspection, following which the trade licence will be issued.

(See MCC on page 7)

16 online frauds busted in 30 days

City Cyber Police return Rs. 14.16 lakh that was swindled from victims

Dr. Chandragupta
Police Commissioner

Pradeep Gunti
DCP (Law and Order)

Mysuru, Feb. 25 (RK&BCT)- The Cyber, Economic and Narcotics (CEN) Crime Police Station in Mysuru city has solved 16 cases of online fraud from Jan. 25 till date and have returned Rs. 14,16,353 that was swindled from hapless victims.

The **Quick Response Team (QRT)** of the CEN Police managed to recover the money from swindlers' bank accounts with the help of bank managers, nodal officers and core banking teams.

Most of the bank accounts that were opened for fraud purposes were outside Karnataka and it is due to the sheer efforts of the QRT that the victims were able to get back their money. The banks too acted in a prompt manner and froze the accounts of fraudsters. Mounting cases of online frauds have made the City Police to constitute QRT to help streamline operations. Such arrangements are seeing results and are helping the Police to solve cases quickly. The QRT is nothing but a re-skilled in-house team, which increasingly comprises engineering graduates,

N. Jayakumar
CEN Inspector

Anil Kumar
Sub-Inspector

M.L. Siddesh
Sub-Inspector

some of whom are specialists in computer, communications and are also tech-savvy.

The team directly functions under the supervision of City Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta and DCP (Law and Order) Pradeep Gunti. The CEN Police Station, located in City Police Commissioner's Office at Nazarbad, is headed by Inspector N. Jayakumar, Sub-Inspectors Anil Kumar, M.L. Siddesh, Constables Shivakumar, Sunil, Lavanya and Divya.

Interestingly, as soon as the CEN Police get information about the fraud they begin investigation and do not wait — till a formal complaint is filed — as any delay will make the conmen vanish with the money. The team cannot afford to lose time and even the victims must complain as soon as the money is debited from their bank accounts.

Rs. 14,16,353 refunded to victims

In the latest list of cases solved by the CEN Police Station, the major money recovered was that of Chand and Sunita Lal Chand from Vijayanagar who were cheated of Rs. 4,49,100 over KYC (Know Your Customer) updating. In the guise of updating KYC data, conmen got the OTP from the couple and defrauded them after accessing their bank account.

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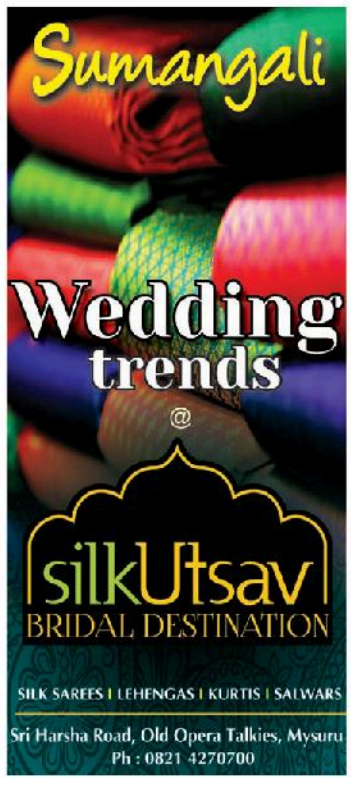

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Friday 25th February 2022

Desi games contest in city on Feb. 27

Mysuru, Feb. 25 (PM&DM)- As part of Mahashivarathri, the city's KRM Foundation will be conducting a Desi games competition for people of all ages on Feb. 27, for which publicity posters were released at a programme organised in the Foundation's Office located in T.K. Layout on Wednesday.

Speaking on the occasion, Foundation President N.M. Naveen Kumar said that the competition has been organised to revive the interest in desi games among the people, both young and old.

Regretting that Desi games were losing popularity due to the advent of modern gadgets and a host of other entertainment forms, Naveen Kumar said that the competition is conducted with the theme 'Banni, Desi Aaata Aadona.' Noting that there are hundreds of desi games in the country, he hoped that the competition will bring about a change in the mindset of people regarding desi games and also evince keen interest in them. The desi games competition will feature centuries old games such as Kuntabille, Chowkabaara, Snake and Ladder, Aluguli Mane etc., he added.

He further said that the competition will take place at Akkana Balaga School premises on Thyagaraja road from 10 am on Feb.27. Those interested, can register their names at the spot and all the participants will be distributed certificates. For registration and details, call Mob: 99726-06425 or 96067- 09447.

Youth leaders Vinay Kanagal, Rajesh, Rakesh Kunchitiga, Chetan Kantharaju, Vinay Kumar, Pavan Siddaramu, Vikas, Akash, Abhi and others were present.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

It is now well-established that most of the physical illnesses have their roots in psychic factors, especially man's negative outlook, negative attitudes, negative thinking and erroneous lifestyle. However, this great truth lies hidden from the so-called modern man's view that man's outlook, attitudes and lifestyle are determined by the ethical and spiritual aspects of his personality. As a result of the lack of realisation of this truth, very few steps have been taken by the health scientists to give a spiritual touch to the environment in hospitals and a moral and spiritual orientation to the doctors, surgeons and nurses. There might be some such hospitals and institutions that may be training nurses while keeping above mentioned factors in view, but their numbers are indeed very small.

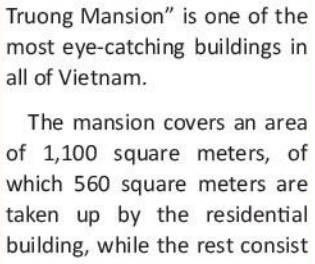
A nurse is a unique soul who will pass through our lives for a minute and impact it for an eternity. The delicate job of nurses requires that their functioning must have spiritual qualities also, for, in order to eliminate the factor of mental stress for recovery and for restoration of health, the patient must be free from mental stress and, in order to achieve the latter, he must have his spirit also healed by receiving spiritual treatment as well along with medical treatment.

It is high time that health professionals across the globe realise this fact that merely a comfortable bed and room does not enable a patient to have rest, nor do tranquillizers, sedatives or pain killers remove his pain for a long period if there is a trauma or a conflict in the patient's mind. It is therefore necessary to give spiritual wisdom that would give him peace and emotional stability.

— Brahmakumar Nikunj in Deccan Herald

NEWS SPARKLERS

Bizman builds Palace-like mansion for self



Thanh Hoa: A successful businessman in Vietnam's Thanh Hoa province has been getting a lot of attention because of the opulent mansion he built for himself and his family.

Looking at the architectural masterpiece built by Trinh Dinh Xuan, a businessman who operates in the construction sector, it's easy to see why photos of the edifice have been going viral on social media ever since it was completed, in 2018. Featuring an imposing facade with giant stone columns flanking the entrance, three large domes topped with gilded statues, and a baroque architectural style inspired by European palaces, the so-called "Xuan Truong Mansion" is one of the most eye-catching buildings in all of Vietnam.

The mansion covers an area of 1,100 square meters, of which 560 square meters are taken up by the residential building, while the rest consist of a 10-car parking space and a garden located at the front of the property.

He transforms into various celebrities

New York: Talented makeup artist and self-described illusionist named Aurelio Sanchez, has been getting a lot of online attention for his ability to transform into celebrities like Mariah Carey or Shakira. Sanchez has always had a thing for impersonating people and film characters, but it wasn't until one day, at age 18, when he acted out a character for his mom, that he knew that was what he wanted to do with his life.

He went on to study makeup and used this newfound knowledge to fulfill his dream, turning himself into doppelgangers of celebrities like legendary Mexican singer, Selena, Oscar-nominated actress and singer, Lady Gaga, Mariah Carey, and many more. But despite his mastery of makeup, it still takes the young artist several hours to complete the illusion.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Arthritis and Eye: Rheumatoid Arthritis can lead to Redness, pricking sensation in eye (dryness), pain and redness on white part of eye(scleritis) and pain, redness, decreased vision and sensitivity to light (Uveitis). Consult your eye doctor (Ophthalmologist) if you are suffering from same.

By Dr. Richa - Consultant Ophthalmology
Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Nartana Namana on Kalidasa's Meghadootam

Mysuru, Feb. 25- As part of Nartana Namana, Ganabharathi in association with Vidu. Nandini Eswer's Raasavrunda and in memory of Smt. Saraswathamma Ramashastry, will present a unique lyrical poetry of Kalidasa's Meghadootam on Feb.26 at 6.30 pm at Veene Seshanna Bhavan in Kuvempunagar.

Meghadootam is a lyrical poem of 120 stanzas written by Kalidasa. It recounts how a Yaksha, a subject of King Kubera (the God of Wealth), after being exiled for a year for neglecting his duties, convinces a passing cloud to take a message to his wife Alaka on Mount Kailash in the Himalayan Mountains.

The work is divided into two parts, Purva-megha and Uttara-megha.

The Yaksha accomplishes this by describing the many beautiful sights the cloud will see on its northward course to the city of Alaka where his wife awaits his return.

Dance Concept and Mentoring is by Vidu. Nandini Eswer, Dance Choreography and Direction by Dr. Rohitha Eswer, Compering by Vidu. Shantala Vattam and the performing artistes are: Chinmayee Bharadwaj and Dr. Rohitha Eswer.

REALLY...?

- ***Measuring 600 ft (182m) in height, the Statue of Unity is currently the tallest statue in the world. The statue, which is a tribute to the independence leader Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, is located in the Western State of Gujarat, where Patel was born.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

What does a cloud wear under his raincoat?
Thunderwear.

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How do you get a squirrel to like you?
Act like a nut!

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 75.28
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 101.04
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 20.50
1 Euro	= Rs. 84.45

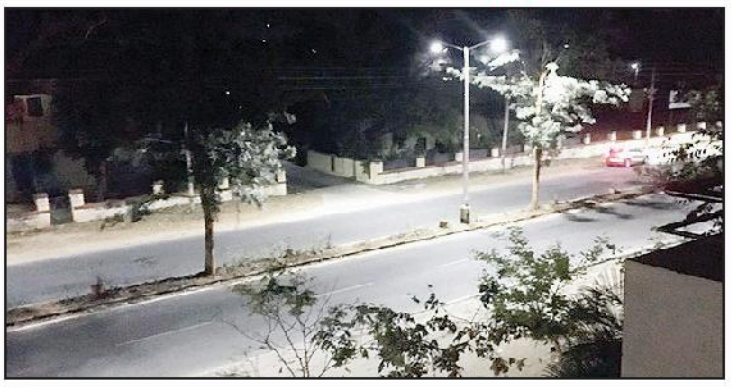
COVID-19 UPDATE - MYSURU

	FEBRUARY 23	FEBRUARY 24
Day's Positive Cases	28	28
Total Positive Cases	2,29,185	2,29,213
Day's Discharges	72	47
Total Discharges	2,26,286	2,26,333
Day's Deaths	0	0
Total Deaths	2,555	2,555
Total Active Cases	344	325

NOTE: Figures as per Government Media Bulletin

VOICE OF THE READER

KRS road well-lit with LED street-lights



Sir,

Apropos the news item ***"LED street-lights not a bright idea"*** (*SOM* dated Feb.23), I beg to differ on the points mentioned against the newly installed LED street-lights on KRS road.

Having seen different types of street-lights on KRS road since decades, I can vouch that the current LED street-lights are much better than the earlier types of street-lights and serve the purpose.

Also these new LED street-lights have enhanced the aesthetic look of KRS road during night hours, apart from saving a considerable amount of tax-payers money to the exchequer.

The dispersion of the light is uniform and also the LEDs emit correct luminance illuminating the road brightly. There are no dark spots under the light, except at the places where the branches of the trees block the emission of LED lights. May be over a period of time the luminance of these LEDs could diminish causing dark spots.

Whatever is written about the Hunsur road LED street-light is one hundred percent true. The luminance of these LEDs is very low and these street-lights act as a showpiece only. Probably the authorities concerned would have used inferior quality of LEDs with lower wattage to save the initial installation cost of street-lights.

—K. Chandrahas

Mysuru 24.2.2022

Shivanubhava Dasoha talk

Mysuru, Feb. 25 (SSM)- The 286th Shivanubhava Dasoha lecture, held under the aegis of Sri Shivarathreeshwara Religious Endowment on the last Saturday of each month, will be held tomorrow (Feb. 26) at 6 pm at No. 827, 2nd Stage, JSS Layout, Lalithadripura. Yogish, Kannada Professor at JSS Public School, Siddarthanagar will speak on 'Vachanagalalli Dharma Sandesha.' Suttur Seer will grace the occasion.

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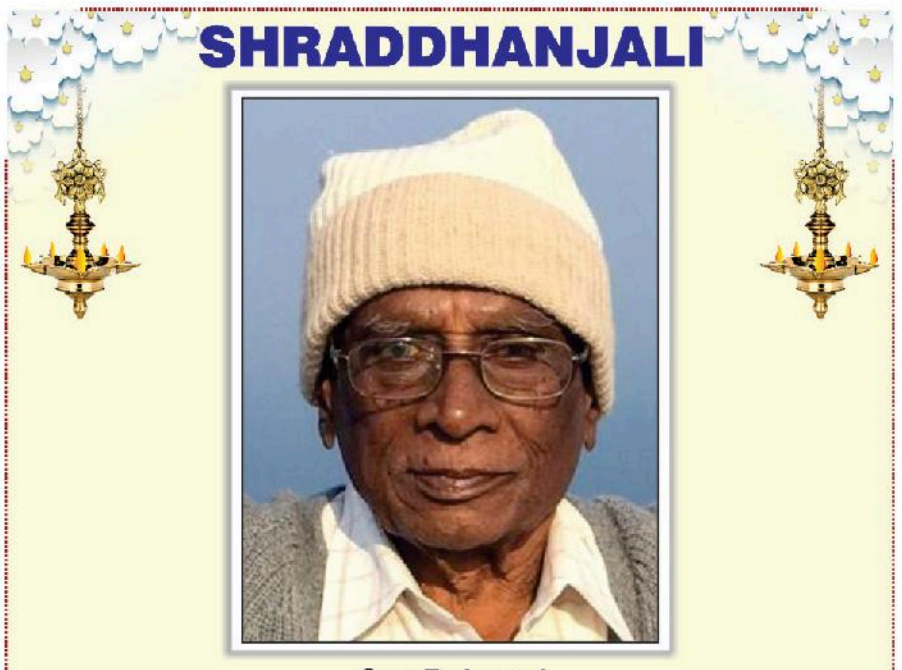
Impressionz Designers Expo begins

Impressionz has organised an exquisite designer exhibition-cum-sale today and tomorrow at Hotel Metropole in city from 10.30 am to 8.30 pm. Picture shows designers Rekha, Vima, Varsha, Ashwini, Impressionz Organiser Krupa Sumanth and Indira at the inaugural ceremony.

Annual Muthappan Thira Mahotsava

Mysuru, Feb. 25- The Annual Muthappan Thira Mahotsava of Muthappan Madappura will be celebrated under the auspices of Sri Muthappan Temple and Charitable Trust, Mysuru (near Yeshaswi Kalyana Mantapa, behind Mass Furniture, Hunsur Main Road, Hinkal) on Feb. 26 from 9 am to 10 pm.

9 am: Malayirakkal Karmam, 12 pm: Muthappan Vellattam, 1 pm: Bagavathi Vellattam, 5 pm: Kalasam Varavu, 6 pm: Thiruvappana (Muthappan Thira), 8 pm: Bagavathi Thira, according to a press release from the Secretary, Sri Muthappan Temple and Charitable Trust (Mob: 98454-71355)



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NEWS BRIEFS

Sri Shirdi temple chief priest in city

The chief priest of the famed Sri Shirdi Temple in Maharashtra Sri Sulakhe Shastri Maharaj will be arriving today (Feb.25) in the city. He will visit Sri Shirdi Saibaba temple at Ramakrishnanagar and take part in Dhooparati at 6.30 pm, followed by Dhuni puja at 7.30 pm and Shyjarathi at 8.30 pm today.

Space Out 4.0 fest on Feb. 26

The Cresta First Grade College, Bannur Road, Mysuru, is hosting Space Out 4.0 — a one-day fest for high school and PU students to showcase their aptitude and win cash prizes worth Rs. 10,000 — on Feb. 26 (Saturday), from 8.30 am in the College Campus. The fest has two categories — Classes 9 & 10 and classes 11 &12. For details contact Mob: 96209-37798.

Free health camp

Nayana Kumar's Multi-speciality Hospital, Dattagalli, has organised a free screening camp for varicose veins, piles, fissure and fistula on Feb. 26 between 4 pm and 7 pm. For details, contact Mob: 95133-10100 or 87628-50960.

No Meat Sale

As part of Mahashivarathri, all the slaughter houses and meat shops coming under MCC limits have been asked to down their shutters on Mar. 1 (Tuesday), according to a press release from MCC Health Officer.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM

Maximum	:	124.80	feet
Today	:	114.62	feet
Yesterday	:	114.94	feet
Inflow	:	321	cusecs
Outflow	:	4,304	cusecs

KABINI DAM

Maximum	:	2,284.00	feet
Today	:	2,277.83	feet
Inflow	:	145	cusecs
Outflow	:	1,930	cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00	feet
Today	:	2,857.06	feet
Inflow	:	35	cusecs
Outflow	:	50	cusecs

INDIRA CANTEEN REALITY CHECK - 2

K.R. Hospital Canteen caters to patients, relatives and labourers

Mysuru, Feb. 25 (RKB&DM)- Of all the 11 Indira Canteens that were set up in the city, the one at K.R. Hospital premises is the most busy one as it is always full of customers, majority of whom are patients, their relatives, labourers and students from nearby colleges.

This canteen is also better equipped than others and is well maintained. With good civic amenities such as pure drinking water, hygiene, lighting etc., the K.R.Hospital Indira Canteen stands tall among such canteens in the city, as *Star of Mysore* found out in a reality check.

According to Canteen Manager Darshan, 800 idlis and lemon rice of 60 to 70 kgs are prepared in the morning every day. In the afternoon, rice and sambar are cooked for 500 people and all the cooked food will be sold out within minutes of preparation, he said.

Pointing out that meals are supplied to customers for dinner directly from the supplier itself, he said that about 300 to 400 people will have food in the night every day. The MCC officials will make periodical checks of this Indira Canteen for maintenance, hygiene, quality etc., Darshan said.

Continuing, he said that as the food gets emptied within minutes, the unsold food at Indira Canteens on Jodi Thenginamara road in Bannimantap, near the KSRTC sub-urban bus stand and at other places, will be brought to K.R. Hospital Indira Canteen, where customers will be waiting.

"As the K.R. Hospital canteen is located at a central place and housed in the biggest hospital of the city, naturally there will be a good number of patients visiting the hospital along with their relatives or friends and hence the spot remains crowded most of the times. But the COVID pandemic saw a drop in the number of customers. However, the canteen has returned to pre-COVID level as regards the number of customers and hence business has picked up again", said Darshan adding that this Canteen needs a couple of more staff to meet the rush of customers.

Caught in deep debt, 3 of a family end lives

Hassan, Feb. 25 (KS)- Caught in deep debts, a family of three committed suicide by consuming poison at their residence here and the incident came to light yesterday.

The deceased are Sathyaprasad (54), a petrol bunk owner, his wife Annapoorna (50) and their son Gourav (21), residents of Post Office Road at Hemavathi Nagar in Hassan.

Details: It is learnt that Sathyaprasad, who was a kerosene dealer, had taken a petrol bunk on Belur Road near Ibbane on contract and had taken crores of rupees as loans from banks and private finance companies. As the petrol bunk did not fetch good revenue as expected, Sathyaprasad suffered losses and had given the petrol bunk to someone else to run it.

Sathyaprasad had also sold his old house and had purchased another house in which the family was presently residing. But there were issues with the house documents. Recently, his car too was confiscated by a finance company, following

Sathyaprasad, his wife Annapoorna and son Gourav.

which the family members were mentally disturbed.

Earlier, Gourav, who was pursuing his B.Com course at a private College in Mysuru, discontinued it in the second year and had joined an Engineering College where he was pursuing his first year course. He wanted to take up acting and had also undergone training at a drama institute, it is learnt.

Police said that, last week, Gourav had come to his house from Mysuru and the family had organised a four-day grand Upanayana ceremony. Though the family had invited a large number of guests including relatives and friends to the ceremony, they had not disclosed their problems to anyone. Unable to repay the loans, Sathyaprasad, Annapoorna and Gourav committed suicide by consuming poison-laced food in the same room, Police added.

Sathyaprasad's mother, who is ailing, was residing in the room on the first floor and the family used to provide timely food regularly. But yesterday as Sathyaprasad's mother did not receive her breakfast even after 10 am, she called her son and daughter-in-law on their phones but the calls were not answered. She then called her daughter and informed about it.

Sathyaprasad's sister, who rushed to the house, found Sathyaprasad and his wife lying motionless in the room and Gourav was found lying in the bathroom and still breathing. He (Gourav) was immediately rushed to HIMS Hospital, but he breathed his last at the hospital.

Superintendent of Police (SP) Srinivas Gowda, ASP Nandini, Dy.SP Uday Bhaskar, Pension Mohalla Inspector Renukaprasad and staff visited the house, conducted inspection and the jurisdictional Police have registered a case.

Meanwhile, SP Srinivas Gowda said that no death note was found in the house and a mobile phone has been seized from the spot. The SP further said that the exact reason for the three to commit suicide is not known.

Two bottles of pesticides were found in the house, he said and added that a finance company had seized their car for non-repayment of loan last week.

Pointing out that even the petrol bunk business was not running good, the SP said that the truth behind the deaths would be known only after a thorough investigation.

Good to be home in Mysuru but I miss my Varsity, friends in Ukraine

Forced to flee war-torn Ukraine, medical student Priyanka returns to city just before shelling began

Mysuru, Feb. 25 (BCT)- Air India special flights from Kyiv in Ukraine have landed in India and those on board were mostly students who were returning after the Indian Embassy in Ukraine issued advisories to leave Ukraine temporarily. But even days before the evacuation started, there was a mad scramble for tickets and the airlines jacked up prices. **Priyanka Guru Mallesh,** who came back to Mysuru just before Russia began pounding Ukraine, told *Star of Mysore* that they were confused about what next as the crises started building up.

Priyanka Guru Mallesh

A group photo of 2nd year students from Karnataka studying in Ukraine. Priyanka is fourth from right.

Though her family expressed relief and joy after she landed safely, Priyanka terribly misses her University and friends and is praying for their well-being. "I really want to go back," she said. Priyanka is pursuing her MBBS second year at Bukovinian State Medical University (BSMU) — one of the largest higher educational establishments in Chernivtsi.

This University is the first choice for Indian students to study MBBS in Ukraine. There are over 3,000 Indian students studying at BSMU and overall there are more than 20,000 Indians in Ukraine.

Returned on Feb. 23

"I went there in December 2020 and it was my second home. I was forced to flee and I returned to Bengaluru on Feb. 23," she said. Priyanka opted for a private airline Air Arabia and her transit was at Sharjah (UAE). From there, she came to Bengaluru.

"All the flights were full and we were not getting the bookings. I got one by sheer luck," she said. She had to pay Rs. 54,000 one way from Kyiv to India while the normal charge is Rs. 27,000.

Priyanka used to stay in western Ukraine (Chernivtsi) that shares borders with Moldova and Romania. "We were told that we were not under threat. But there was a blast in Ivanov and this place is very near to Chernivtsi. In fact, I was in Ivanov in January," she recalled.

Confusion and panic

Many Indians have opted to come back. "I got the communication from the Indian Embassy last Sunday to return if I wanted to and then the rush for flight tickets began. I contacted my family members and decided to return. We were confused due to panic. Even without the permission of the Embassy, many students began booking tickets to return home," she narrated.

"I waited for the Embassy for communication and also for the University to confirm the continuation of online studies. Till now we were having offline classes and we waited till the Embassy contacted us," she said.

"Right now we are having online classes but I am not sure about that either. The teachers are facing internet issues and classes are being cancelled. I am keeping my fingers crossed. More than me, it is difficult for students to pursue fifth or sixth course. Their future is at stake," she rued.

Emotionally attached

"I am emotionally attached to the University and desperately want to go back. It is not an easy task to be here as it is emotionally, physically and financially draining. India is my motherland but I feel that Ukraine is also a part of it as that country is supporting me. President Volodymyr Zelenskyy has told us that each and every person staying in Ukraine are the citizens of that country. This speech was very emotional for all of us and we truly believe that nothing should happen," Priyanka hoped.

"Ukraine has its own history, culture, heritage, language and entity. People are very proud about their culture and language and this is injustice by Russia. We studied Ukrainian history in our first course and theirs is a unique culture and must be respected," she added.

Priyanka's father Guru Mallesh is a businessman and mother K.K. Reena Kumari was a former medical transcriptionist. Priyanka has a younger brother, Mahabala and the family lives in Srirampura.

Two Mysuru students were ready to fly back but held up

Mysuru, Feb. 25 (GA&BCT)- Even as the flight ticket prices from Kyiv in Ukraine to India are hovering between Rs. 80,000 and Rs. 2 lakh, several Mysureans are making efforts to return home from the strife-torn country. As per information, there are 11 students from Mysuru who are studying at Kharkiv National Medical University in Kharkiv, Ukraine and among them, four are girl students.

Chandan Prakash Shetty, a native of K.R. Nagar, who is pursuing his MBBS course at Bukovinian State Medical University, was almost ready to fly back. He was stuck as the air space was closed. Sharing his thoughts with *Star of Mysore* over a video call, Chandan said that he was ready to fly and had made all arrangements.

Chandan

Aisiri

"My parents call me once every 30 minutes to ascertain my condition and they are advising me to stock-up food, water and other necessary items. I have enough stocks and also the Indian Embassy employees are in constant touch with me and other Indians who are held up here," he said.

Describing the ground situation in Ukraine, Chandan said that no one is venturing out of their homes as a war has been declared and Russia has already annexed certain parts of Ukraine. We are staying in the University hostel and we are in touch with other Indian students. The Indian Embassy has informed us to be ready with records and other stuff to leave as evacuation might happen any time," he said.

Even **Aisiri,** daughter of Kuvempunagar residents Shivakumar and Geetha couple, was ready to leave Ukraine but was held up as the air space was shut. Aisiri is pursuing her fourth year MBBS course at Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv. "She was to land in Bengaluru yesterday but the Kyiv airport has been closed due to continuous shelling by Russian troops," her mother Geetha told *SOM.*

"We are in touch with her through video calls and she has assured us not to panic. The Indian Embassy in Ukraine is very cooperative and sharing all information with the students and all the Indians who are stuck there. The Embassy has promised to provide a safe passage," Geetha said.

"We have got information that there are several Mysureans stuck in Ukraine but we do not know the exact number. We are ready to help people who want to come back and one student had contacted us and we have already provided the student's details to the Indian embassy."

—Dr. Bagadi Gautham,
Deputy Commissioner, Mysuru

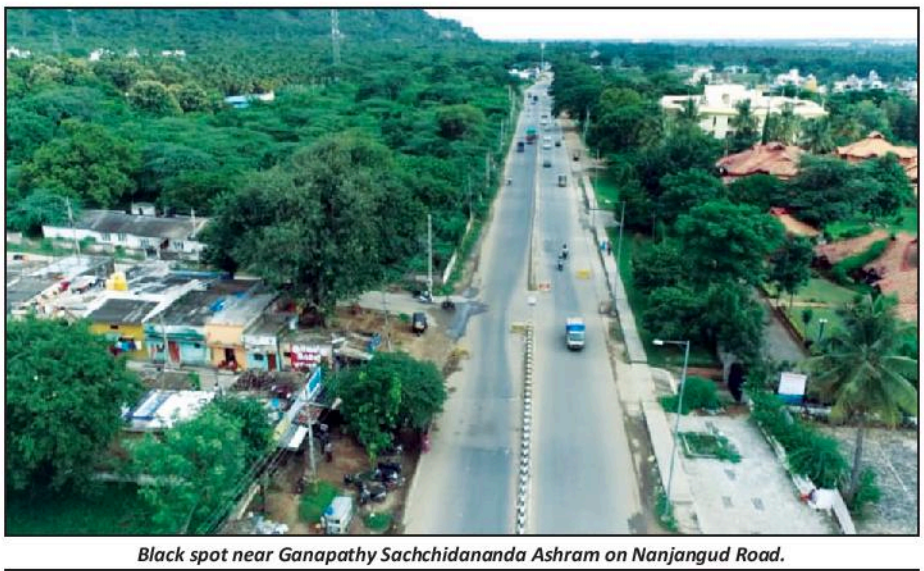
PM Modi speaks with President Putin

Urges honest, sincere dialogue to resolve Ukraine issue

New Delhi, Feb. 25 (UNI)- Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday night spoke with Russian President Vladimir Putin to urge for honest and sincere dialogue to resolve the Ukraine issue and also appealed for an immediate cessation of violence, as Russia launched an invasion of Ukraine.

The PM also voiced concerns about safety of Indians in Ukraine, especially students and conveyed that India attaches highest priority to their safe exit and return to India. A statement from the PMO said: "President Putin briefed PM Modi about recent developments. The leaders agreed that their officials and diplomatic teams would continue to maintain regular contacts."

Black spot improvements in NHAI jurisdiction: MP Pratap Simha chairs review meeting



Black spot near Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashram on Nanjangud Road.

Near APMC Gate

Mysuru, Feb. 25 (RKB&KS) - Following increase in accidents on National Highways due to black spots, Mysuru - Kodagu MP Pratap Simha held discussions with officials of National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) on 'Black spot improvements in NHAI jurisdiction and preparation of DPR for long term improvement of black spots' at the progress review meeting held at DC Office here this morning.

At the meeting, NHAI Project Director Sridhar said that a total of 11 black spots have been identified on NH-212 (Gundlupet-Nanjangud-Mysuru-Kollegal Highway) and one black spot on NH-275 (Mysuru-Madikeri Highway).

Speaking about the black spot near APMC Gate on Nanjangud Road, Sridhar said that the road here is diverted towards J.P. Nagar which was causing accidents and suggested construction of an under-bridge or an over-bridge.

A discussion on this was held and MP Pratap Simha instructed the NHAI officials to prepare a design of both and asked them to call for a tender.

While discussing about the black spot near Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashram on Nanjangud Road, the MP told the officials that there were residential areas close to the black spot and the road is being used by hundreds of people every day and was also accident-prone spot.

The MP asked the officials to prepare a plan to prevent accidents, to which the NHAI Project Director Sridhar said that the big drain along the stretch of this road was causing problems and added that a plan has already been prepared for it.

Pratap Simha

Sridhar suggested construction of an over-bridge at T. Narasipur-Ring Road Junction so that vehicles coming from Narasipur side can pass above the Ring Road.

TUNNEL FOR MYSORE AIRPORT PROPOSED

Pointing out that a tunnel for Mysore Airport was best instead of an underpass, Sridhar said that a total of 5 km land has to be acquired for the construction of a tunnel. He further said that the road near Mandakalli Lake has to be diverted and the diverted road will again join the main road after 5 kms.

The MP asked the official to submit a proposal in this regard and assured of getting approval for land acquisition. He (MP) said that he would convene a meeting of Airport Advisory Committee to discuss this and asked the officials to hold the meeting at the earliest.

Also, issues to be resolved pertaining to CESC, Forest (for cutting trees), land acquisition, water supply pipeline, removal of encroachments and structure valuation among others were discussed at today's meeting.

Deputy Commissioner Dr. Bagadi Gautham, NHAI Special Land Acquisition Officer Devaraj, Tahsildar K.R. Rakshith, Superintendent of Police R. Chethan and other officials were present.

LIST OF BLACK SPOT LOCATIONS

Location	Black Spot ID	Total accidents	Total fatalities
Elachagere Bore	KA- (02) -75	10	8
Kalale Gate	KA- (02) -108	7	5
Hosahalli Gate	KA- (02) - 234	11	8
Kadakola Industrial Cross	KA- (02) -283	20	8
Near APMC Gate	KA- (02) -354	12	8
Near Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashram	KA - (02) -97	23	6
Ring Road Junction to Thirumala Trust	KA - (02) - 355	13	4
Thirumala Tower to SVP Nagar	KA - (02) - 244	6	1
Dodda Aladamara to Kumara Farm	KA - (02) - 439	7	7
Kempaiahnahundi	KA - (02) - 91	5	8
Mugur	KA - (02) - 47	6	6
Bannikuppe	KA - (02) - 187	7	5

Kadakola Industrial Cross

Story-telling, interaction to mark 15th anniversary of Kalasuruchi

Mysuru, Feb. 25- Kalasuruchi, as part of its 15th anniversary celebrations, has organised 'Kathe Kelona Banni,' stroy-telling by writer and publisher Vasudhendra on Feb. 26 at 4.30 pm and interaction with Vasudhendra on Feb. 27 at 10.30 am at Suruchi Rangamane in Kuvempunagar here.

Over these many years, people from all walks of life have shared stories with children. Doctors, engineers, lawyers, writers, actors and a large number of teachers have contributed. There have been many stories narrated serially too.

Vasudhendra

Vijaya Sindhuvalli

Vimalashree narrated Ramayana over 20 weeks while D. Balakrishnaiah narrated Mahabharata over 25-plus weeks. Dr. Ramanath regaled children with Vikram and Betal stories over 15 weeks.

Limca Book of Records has recognised this feat and included 'Kathe Kelona Banni' in their annual records for the year 2015. Vijaya Sindhuvalli, the backbone for all Suruchi Rangamane activities, is now being affectionately called 'Kathe Mane Ajji' by the children.

"Over these years, several generations of children have attended the programme. Typically one sees children starting around 6-9 years and continuing to attend for about three years. Some of the children who attended initial programme have completed graduation now," says K. Nagaraja, Co-Convener, Kalasuruchi.

For fruther details, contact Mob: 92435-81097 or 99459-43115.

Kalasuruchi (Suruchi Rangamane) in Kuvempunagar where Kathe Kelona Banni is organised on every Saturday.

16 online frauds busted in 30 days

(Continued from page 1)

Chandru from Vidyaranyapuram was cheated of Rs, 1,69,199 on the reasons of updating KYC details of his bank account. Ravi Hebbar from Dattagalli here was cheated of Rs. 22,999 and the fraudsters cleverly told him that they are calling from his bank and his account would be closed if the KYC is not updated. Trusting the caller, Chandru shared the OTP and account details.

Prem Das from Hinkal shared his debit card details with the conman and ended up losing Rs. 1,999. Sohan Jain lost Rs. 5,000 in an online job fraud case, Dr. Mahadevaswamy was conned Rs. 25,000 after the fraudsters collected OTP from him. One Rajinikanth lost Rs. 44,000 in a credit card fraud.

Shivakumar

Sunil

Divya

Lavanya

Trading fraud, gift fraud, rent fraud

The list does not end here as there are more victims. One Jayanth lost Rs. 35,000 in a trading fraud, B.K. Chaitra lost Rs. 1,000 in gift fraud, Indu Dudeja was conned by a fraudster in a rent fraud and Vidya Gowda was cheated of 1,10,000 after cheaters promised a job offer online and she ended up paying money.

Dr. Venkatasubbaiah, a resident of Sharadadevinagar, had transferred Rs. 1,93,056 through his credit card to the account of an accused and lost the money.

Similarly, Vanishree, a resident of Cheluvamba Agrahara, lost Rs. 50,000 to a conman through an online (UPI) payment app.

In the same way, Bopaiah, a resident of Vijayanagar, had transferred Rs. 30,000 to the account of an accused through UPI and Vinoda Bai, a resident of Kuvempunagar, had made an online bank transfer of Rs. 1,00,000 to a fraudster. A fraudster stole the personal banking details of Dr. Rajeshwari, a resident of Metagalli under the pretext of updating her KYC details. She ended up losing Rs. 1,00,000.

Tips to safeguard yourself from online fraud

- Never disclose your financial information to anyone.
- No authority or institution asks for OTP, PIN or CVV over the phone.
- Be cautious if someone unknown asks you to install screen sharing software/ apps such as AnyDesk, TeamViewer.
- Be very cautious and vigilant while using links embedded in an email or SMS, especially where it requires entering financial credentials.
- Clicking these links can corrupt and compromise both your phone and the OTP without you realising it. Some apps may even initiate fake transactions to phish you into giving away the same data.
- While making a payment and entering OTP, be sure to double-verify the amount that is going to be debited as well as the name of the merchant receiving the payment. If the source doesn't look credible/authentic or the amount is different, cancel the transaction immediately.
- Receiving money never requires you to scan a QR code. If a buyer asks you to scan something, it is most likely a scam.
- Do not conduct any sensitive or bank (net banking) transactions from unprotected or public devices and networks.
- Always use a virtual keyboard on public devices because keystrokes can be captured through compromised devices using keylogger software.
- Do not fill Google forms provided by prospective buyers or sellers.
- Do not share copies of your cheque book and other KYC documents with strangers (unless you can verify their identity and KYC is required).
- Do not install any mobile applications sent by suspicious persons or networks as it could be a trick to cheat using details furnished by the user.

The City Police Commissioner has requested the public to report cases of online frauds to the CEN Crime Police Station immediately by calling Ph: 0821-2418598, Police Inspector: 94808-02263 or Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2418339. The complaints can also be registered on the National Cyber Crime Reporting Portal (NCCRP) or by calling the toll-free number 155260.

MCC Trade Licence online

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Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, MCC Zone-3 Assistant Commissioner Satyamurthy said that following directions from the MCC Commissioner, the software is being uploaded in all the nine MCC Zones and the applications are being uploaded.

Once the trade licence is issued online, the applicants need not come to the MCC for renewal in the subsequent years, he said.

The traders can sit in the comforts of their home and get their trade licence renewed after payment of fees, he said adding that more staff have been deputed for software uploading and data entry to facilitate online issuance of trade licence from Apr.1.

Obituary

B.S. Anand

Mysuru, Feb. 25 - B.S. Anand (74), retired PWD Engineer and a resident of 555/E, 13th Cross, near RTTC in T.K. Layout, passed away on Wednesday night in city following a cardiac arrest.

He leaves behind two sons, daughters-in-law, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held in city yesterday, according to family sources.

Safai Karmachari Commission Chairman to tour district from tomorrow

Mysuru, Feb. 25 (KS)- Karnataka State Safai Karmachari Commission Chairman M. Shivanna, will undertake tour of the district from tomorrow (Feb. 26) till Mar. 1.

Shivanna, who will arrive in city tomorrow at 9.30 am, will participate in the 13th anniversary celebration of Kannada magazine 'Kaustubha' at The Institute of Engineers on JLB Road at 10.30 am and will stay overnight at Jaladarshini Guest House on Hunsur Road.

On Feb. 27 (Sunday), the Chairman will hold discussions with Pourakarmikas at 11 am. On Feb. 28 at 9 am, he will visit the Pourakarmika Colony at Hebbal and here grievances from the residents and at 3.30 pm, he will visit the Manual Scavenger Colony at Marappanakatte in Hunsur taluk and will hold a meeting pertaining to the problems faced by the colony residents.

Shivanna

On Mar. 1 at 12 noon, Shivanna will leave for the headquarters, according to a press release from the Karnataka State Safi Karmachari Commission Secretary.

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B.Tech teen invents affordable oxygen plant

- Pandemic-need innovation: OxiPlant is configurable, scalable and flexible
- Generates continuous oxygen; better than costly imported concentrators

Mysuru, Feb. 25 (BCT)- During the COVID pandemic, especially in the killer first wave and the second wave, shortage of medical oxygen was one of the major crises experienced in most of the hospitals across the country that led to the loss of many lives.

Hospitals, especially in Bengaluru and cities like Mysuru struggled to keep up with demand for oxygen, particularly during surges and the demand was driven by severe cases that required supplying extra oxygen to patient's lungs.

This severe shortage of medical oxygen and subsequent deaths moved an engineering student to such a level that he single-handedly created an oxygen plant in eight months — from conceptualisation till the end product.

Called OxiPlant, the machine is way better and more efficient than the imported ones and also affordable if manufactured in India, says **Tejas P. Karanji,** a first year B.Tech student of Electronics and Communication at PES University in Bengaluru.

Son of T.N. Pandarinath, an IITian (Mechanical Engineering) and Vani S. Mysore, the 19-year-old Tejas has a Mysuru connection as his mother hails from city. His grandmother and aunt stay at Vontikoppal.

OxiPlant can produce up to 94.05 percent pure oxygen and can be used in homes, hospitals as well as industries. Notably, it produces continuous oxygen and does not need a break or cooling period unlike other oxygen concentrators after a four-hour usage.

OxiPlant prototype by developed Tejas Karanji in the basement of his house in Bengaluru, which has since been serving as a workshop.

"Before I conceptualised OxiPlant, I interacted with a couple of doctors who told me that the imported oxygen concentrators were not functioning to the optimum level and there were several drawbacks. One being the four-hour window but the patients needed continuous supply of oxygen and I had to solve this drawback," Tejas told *Star of Mysore*.

Working of OxiPlant

According to Tejas, OxiPlant works on the principle of Pressure Swing Adsorption (PSA). The device consists of two specially fabricated stainless cylinders, each filled with a measured quantity of a specially made material called Zeolite. Dry, cooled and pressurised air is alternatively passed through these cylinders. Nitrogen molecules get thermodynamically adsorbed by the zeolite crystals, allowing oxygen to flow out as the desired product.

"While this principle has been well-known for over a century, the challenge lies in engineering a solution around the principle. Building OxiPlant involved mechanical design and fabrication, pneumatics circuits with proper understanding of pressure, temperature and flow controls, and more critically electronics which control, monitor, and automatically operate the entire oxygen production cycle," he says.

Its USP

The unique selling point (USP) of OxiPlant and its differentiation from commonly available concentrators lies in its configurability, flexibility, scalability, and monitorability. It can continuously produce 11 litres of oxygen per minute (LPM). In the Low Flow Rate (LFR), it can generate 5 to 6 LPM and in the High Flow Rate (HFR), it can generate 11 LPM.

It is configurable to support many alternative processes such as PSA, Vacuum Swing Adsorption (VSA) and Vacuum Pressure Swing Adsorption (VPSA) etc. OxiPlant is flexible to support production of Oxygen or Nitrogen or other gases. It is scalable to higher throughput up to about 20 LPM. It is monitorable as many temperatures, pressure and flow probes can be hooked up to provide valuable performance data that would form the basis of plant tuning, he adds.

Safety features added

OxiPlant is 0.6 metres deep, half-metre wide and 0.7 metres high. Another USP of this plant developed by Tejas is that it is not noisy, bulky and does not have a condensation problem unlike the China-made concentrators.

Multiple safety features have been added to OxiPlant. The prototype has the potential to be developed into a marketable product and it will cost anywhere between Rs. 35,000 and Rs. 40,000 while the same capacity machine, if imported, will cost over Rs. 1 lakh.

"I am planning to publish about OxiPlant innovation in reputed scientific journals and I am sure that someone will be willing to produce it on a large scale. I am open to sharing the details and knowledge. We need to be battle-ready to face future pandemics," Tejas says.

Coaching for Asst. Professor Recruitment exam

Mysuru, Feb. 25 (MK & DM)- The 10-day training workshop for examinees attending the Assistant Professors recruitment exam to be conducted by the KPSC began at Jnanabuthi in Lakshmipuram Government High School and PU College premises on JLB road here on Monday.

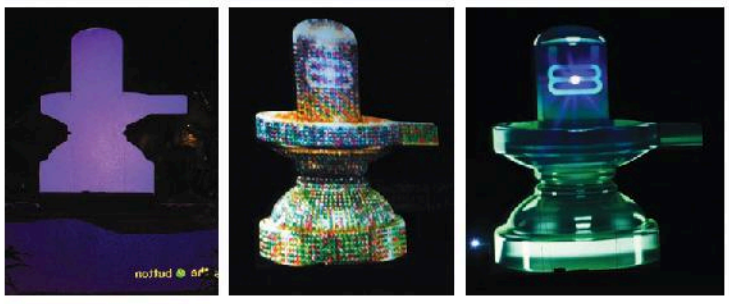
Speaking after inaugurating the workshop, former Karnataka Folklore University Vice-Chancellor Prof. Ambalike Hiriyanna said that studies and tutoring are both vital for youths of today.

Nowadays youths are more inclined towards Science and Commerce subjects rather than Engineering and Technology, he said adding that this is very different from the trend in earlier days when students use to opt for Arts and Kannada subjects.

Stressing on the need for making the youths take interest in literature and allied fields, Prof. Hiriyanna said that the teachers of tomorrow should be well-versed in their subjects and continue to stay updated all the times, as the teaching profession is a challenging one.

Senior Co-operator Y.N. Shankaregowda, Kuvempu Institute of Kannada Studies Director Dr. M.G. Manjunath, faculties Dr. Vijayalakshmi Karikal, Prof.Seetaram Jahagirdar, Dr. Nagachar, Dr. Umesh Devanahalli, Dr.Palaniswamy Mudagur and Dr. Krupa Ganesh, Jnanabuthi General Secretary Jainahalli Satyanarayanagowda, Convenor H. Balakrishna and others were present.

Dwadasha Jyotirlinga Darshana at Vijayanagar



Mysuru, Feb. 25 (MK&DM)- Mayor Sunanda Palanetra launched the week-long *Dwadasha Jyothirlingagala Punya Darshana* organised by the city's Prajapita Brahmakumari Eshwariya Vishwavidyalaya as part of *Mahashivarathri*, at *Om Shanti Mantapa* erected close to Abhishek Circle (near water tank) in Vani Vilas Layout of Vijayanagar II Stage yesterday.

Speaking on the occasion, Sunanda Palanetra said that the Mysuru City Corporation has extended support for *Dwadasha Linga Darshana* organised as part of Mahashivarathri.

Pointing out that the local Corporator too has co-operated for the holding of *Darshana*, she said that such *Darshanas* will help people understand the significance of deities and devotion. Observing that the organisation of the *Darshana* ahead of Shivarathri has already created an atmosphere of celebration in the area, Sunanda said that she is blessed to have such a *Darshana* featuring 12 religious places at one place. Visitors can have *darshan* of 3D Shivalinga, giant Shivalinga made of sand and 'Shiva Darshana' painting expo till Mar. 2, she added.

The inauguration was followed by a discourse and cultural event later in the evening.

Adichunchanagiri Mysuru Shakha Mutt Seer Somanatha Swamiji, Brahmakumari Ishwariya Vishwavidyalaya's B.K. Lakshmiji, MLC C.N. Manjegowda, former MLA Vasu, Corporators Prema Shankaregowda, Pailwan Srinivas, M.U. Subbaiah and K.V. Sridhar, leaders S.D. Shivanna, Shivamadu and others were present.

***Dwadasha Jyotirlinga Darshana* will be open for devotees from 8 am to 9 pm on all days till Mar. 2. Entry is free.**

Rangayana to host *Janapara Utsava* on March 5, 6

Mysuru, Feb. 25 (PM&DM)- In a first-of-its-kind, city's theatre repertory Rangayana will be hosting 'Janapara Utsava', a two-day Folklore Fest with the theme 'Rangayanadangaladalli Janapadaru' in association with Kannada and Culture Department on Mar. 5 and 6.

The fest has been organised as a prelude to the 10-day Bahuroopi National Theatre festival, which is scheduled to take place from Mar.11 to 20 in Rangayana.

Announcing this at a press meet at B.V. Karanth Rangachavadi here yesterday, Rangayana Director Addanda C. Cariappa said that as part of the folk fest, a colourful procession of folk artistes will be taken out from Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple at the Palace North Gate at 3 pm on Mar.5, which will be flagged off by K.R. MLA S.A. Ramdas. The event will be formally inaugurated by District Minister S.T. Somashekar in Rangayana premises at 4.30 pm on Mar.5.

Senior blind folk artiste Sobaane Gowramma will launch the folk performance while Chamarajanagar MP V. Sreenivasa Prasad will inaugurate a sculptural art workshop. Chamaraja MLA L.Nagendra will preside. Kannada and Culture Director S. Rangappa will be present, he said.

Ten noted sculptors will be taking part in the sculpture workshop at Rangayana on Mar. 5 and 6.

Stating that the fest has been organised under SC/ST subplan, Cariappa said that more than 900 SC/ST artistes representing about 50 folk troupes from across the State will be taking part in this two-day event, which will take place at two venues — Vanaranga and B.V. Karanth Rangachavadi.

Rangayana Director Addanda C. Cariappa addressing a press meet in city yesterday as Rangayana Deputy Director Nirmala Mathapathi looks on.

The second day event (Mar.6) will commence with the performance of Chande Mela at 9.30 am at B.V. Karanth Rangachavadi. The event will feature three seminars starting at 11 am, following which folk programmes will take place. The folk fest will come to an end with the staging of the play 'Ondu Halliya Kathe' at 7.30 pm, he said.

'Gadiyalli Kannada Nataka' from Feb. 26

Continuing, Cariappa said that in a bid to promote the theatre in border districts, Rangayana, in association with Karnataka Border Areas Development Authority, will be holding 'Gadiyalli Kannada Nataka' event at three places, starting from Feb.26.

Gundlupet MLA C.S. Niranjankumar will inaugurate the event at Gurubhavan in Gundlupet town of Chamarajanagar district at 5.30 pm on Feb.26. Karnataka Border Areas Development Authority Chairman Dr. C. Somashekar, Chamarajanagar District Kannada Sahitya Parishat President M. Shailakumar and Rangayana Director Addanda C. Cariappa will be present. Junior artistes of Mysuru Rangayana will stage the play 'Mookana Makkalu', which will be followed by a Rangasangeetha.

The second event will take place at Ponnampet Government School Centenary Hall in Kodagu district at 5.30 pm on Feb.28. Virajpet MLA K.G. Bopaiah will inaugurate the event in the presence of MLC Suja Kushalappa and other dignitaries. Rangayana junior artistes will stage Poornachandra Tejaswi's play 'Krishnegowdana Aane', which will be followed by Rangasangeetha.

The third event will take place at the Government High School at Magge village in H.D. Kote taluk at 11 am on Mar. 3. H.D. Kote MLA Anil Chikkamadu will inaugurate the programme. The event will feature Kolata, Kamsaale, Kalaripayat and Rangasangeetha.

Referring to the resumption of performance of the popular 'Parva' play of acclaimed writer Dr. S.L. Bhyrappa, Cariappa said that the staging of the play will resume in the State from April and there are plans to stage the play in other States in June.

Rangayana has submitted a proposal to the Government for allotting an exclusive fund of Rs.50 lakh to the Bharatiya Ranga Shikshana Shaale run by the Rangayana, in the State budget, he added.

KPN Founder-Editor bags Award

Karnataka Photo News (KPN) Founder-Editor Saggere Ramaswamy (left) received Press Club of Bangalore (PCB) Annual Award from Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai in Bengaluru last evening. Former CM B.S. Yediyurappa, PCB President Sadashiva Shenoy and another awardee Gabriel Vaz (senior journalist) are also seen. Saggere Ramaswamy had previously served as reporter of 'Star of Mysore.'

WORD OF THE DAY

Candor

Pronunciation: KAN-der.
Meaning: Candor is "unreserved, honest, or sincere expression."
Origin: Candor comes from Latin candēre, meaning "to shine or glow." That origin is reflected in the word's early uses referring to brightness or unstained purity and innocence, which are the sources of today's familiar use of candor for unquestionably honest expression.
Example: "'I gave [the label] a record that I thought still had something to play on the radio. But, you know, maybe there are shinier objects, or I'm too old,' he muses. Despite his candor, [Gary Allan] doesn't sound bitter when assessing his place in the genre. He's lighthearted and cracking jokes at his own expense." — Joseph Hudak

THE ODD WORD

Cacodemomania

Pathological belief that one is inhabited by an evil spirit.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Come hell or high water

Meaning: 'Come Hell or High Water' means that you are willing to do whatever it takes to overcome difficulty or obstacles.
Origin: The expression 'come hell or high water' originated in America. The first printed reference comes from an Iowa newspaper, The Burlington Weekly Hawk Eye, dated May 1882: "Since that time the best of my friends had become enemies and strangers have become friends. The devil had broke loose in many parts of the country and keeping up with the old saying, we've had unrevised hell and high water, and a mighty heap of high water, I tell you."
Example: "I'm going to make it to the dance on Saturday, come hell or high water!"

QUOTE BOX

Water is not a solid wall, it will not stop you. — **Margaret Atwood**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

PIN SUIT

Answer: Pin striped suit.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Piercing tool
4 Principal
8 Covering for the head
11 Regional Airline Assoc.
12 An unforeseen obstacle (1,4)
14 Rock musician Brian
15 Inertial Ref. Unit
16 A wild card
17 To free from
18 Extension (3-2)
20 Poker concession (1,4)
22 Sing wordlessly
24 Fuel consumption unit
25 Bombay Suburban Electric Supply, in short?
28 American medical association, in short
30 Glance over
34 Belonging to us
35 Law enforcement agency
36 Yoko ___ : wife of John Lennon, the Beatle?
37 Strange as a prefix
39 I think therefore _ __? (1,2)
40 __ __ arms : riled? (2,2)
41 The cry of sheep
43 Japanese honorific
45 Violin's ancestor
48 Ex-Windies skipper Jimmy ___
52 Chopper
53 Monetary unit of Kuwait
57 Neckwear for one not wearing a tie?
58 Amartya Kumar ___ : Nobel Prize winning economist?
59 World's deepest river
60 Old time classic movie Alam ___
61 High speed diesel, acronym?
62 Miserly
63 Fix in position

DOWN

1 Operatic song
2 A section in a hospital
3 Praise
4 Laila's counterpart
5 Kyushu mountain
6 Marking fluid
7 "No" in Scotland?
8 Leading man
9 The indigo plant
10 Lincoln's Mary
13 Hold firmly
19 Reactions of surprise
21 Flight Guidance Sys.
23 Criminal group
24 Cripples or mutilates or disables
25 A container or a carton
26 Prosecute at law
27 Sea-eagle variant
29 Management deg.
31 Slang word for a policeman
32 Black bird
33 Not, as a prefix?
38 Queen's birthday list honour, in short
40 And for the German
42 Current types (2-2)
44 Brother of Moses
45 Precipitate
46 Old flames
47 Curve or turn
49 Sleeveless garments worn by Arabs
50 Extra, in addition to
51 Hit hard or crush, fly etc. with a blow
54 Isle of Man, initially
55 Weather-report abbr.
56 Turkish title

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

B	E	G		T	O	M	B		I	N	T	I
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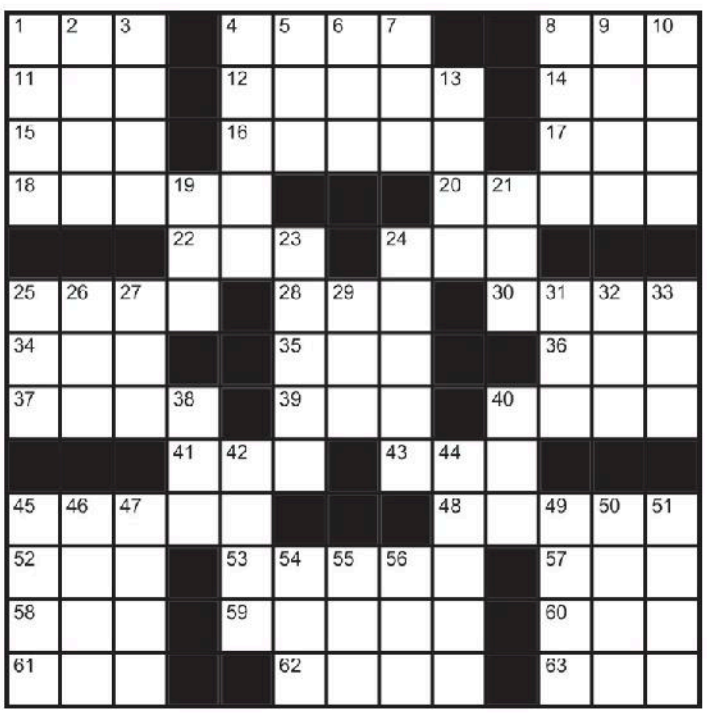

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	5						8	7
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Answer to previous puzzle

4	3	6	5	8	9	2	1	7
5	7	8	3	1	2	9	6	4
2	9	1	7	6	4	3	5	8
8	2	7	1	4	5	6	3	9
1	5	9	6	7	3	4	8	2
6	4	3	9	2	8	1	7	5
3	6	5	2	9	7	8	4	1
9	1	4	8	5	6	7	2	3
7	8	2	4	3	1	5	9	6

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

NVL CQMEN FLNVDS CDM LENQFTNQYU NVL QYNLJJQULYHL

DC T MRJLM QE ND JDDX TN NVL FLY VL VTE TMDRYS VQF.

TODAY'S CLUE: U EQUALS G

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: He enjoys true leisure who has time to improve his soul's estate.

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Love Mocktail 2 (K)	(S-1)	9.55 am; (S-2) 9.55 pm
	(S-3)	7.15 pm; (S-4) 1.10 pm
Valimai (Ta)	(S-1)	12.40 pm, 6.40 pm
	(S-3)	3.55 pm, 10.00 pm
Old Monkk (K)	(S-1)	4.05 pm; (S-3) 1.20 pm
Bheemla Nayak (Te)	(S-1)	10.00 pm
	(S-2)	1.10 pm, 7.00 pm
	(S-3)	10.15 am
Ek Love Ya (K)	(S-2)	10.10 am, 4.00 pm
Gangubai Kathiawadi (H)	(S-4)	10.05 am, 4 pm, 7 pm, 10 pm

INOX LIVE THE MOVIE — Ph: 2533444 / 2533456

Gangubai Kathiawadi (H)	(S-1)	9.10 am, 3.35 pm, 9.55 pm
	(S-4)	12 noon, 6.25 pm
Valimai (Ta)	(S-3)	10.00 am, 1.50 pm
		5.40 pm, 9.30 pm
Love Mocktail 2 (K)	(S-1)	6.55 pm
	(S-2)	9.50 am
Ek Love Ya (K)	(S-4)	3.15 pm, 9.40 pm
Bheemla Nayak (Te)	(S-1)	12.25 pm
	(S-2)	3.45 pm, 9.50 pm
	(S-4)	9.00 am
Old Monkk (K)	(S-2)	12.50 pm, 6.55 pm

PVR CINEMAS

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Love Mocktail 2 (K)	12.40 pm, 6.50 pm, 9.55 pm
Bheemla Nayak (Te)	9.40 am, 12.45 pm, 3.50 pm
	6.55 pm, 10 pm
By Two Love (K)	3.45 pm
Ek Love Ya (K)	9.30 am, 3.40 pm, 9.50 pm
Gangubai Kathiawadi (H)	8.50 am, 12.05 pm, 3.20 pm
	6.35 pm, 9.50 pm
Old Monkk (K)	12.45 pm, 6.55 pm
Valimai (Ta)	9 am, 11 am, 2.40 pm 6.20 pm, 10 pm

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Valimai (Ta)	8.50 am, 2.30 pm, 6.10 pm, 9.50 pm
Love Mocktail 2 (K)	11.20 am, 3.30 pm, 9.40 pm
Bheemla Nayak (Te)	8.55 am, 12.25 pm, 6.35 pm, 10 pm
Gangubai Kathiawadi (H)	9.05 am, 12 noon, 3.20 pm, 6.40 pm
By Two Love (K)	6.40 pm
Old Monkk (K)	12.30 pm
Ek Love Ya (K)	3.25 pm, 9.45 pm

MYSURU VISION CINEMAS — Ph: 0821 - 2973519

Ek Love Ya (K)	(S-1)	4 pm
	(S-3)	9.30 am, 12.25 pm
		6.40 pm, 9.35 pm
Valimai (Ta)	(S-2)	8 am, 11.20 am, 2.40 pm
		6 pm, 9.20 pm
	(S-3)	3.20 pm
Love Mocktail 2 (K)	(S-4)	10.45 am, 7.15 pm
By Two Love (K)	(S-4)	1.45 pm, 4.30 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

EVENTS TODAY (FEB. 25)

- **Sahara Art And Crafts:** Shopping Festival, Handicraft and Handloom Expo-cum-Sale, Scouts & Guides Ground, behind DC office, **up to 9.30 pm.**
- **Impressionz:** Designers Expo, Hotel Metropole, JLB Road, **up to 8.30 pm.**
- **Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA) and Tourism Department:** Exhibition-2022, Dasara Exhibition Grounds, **3.30 pm to 9 pm.**
- **Pathi Foundation:** 'Mathe Haaditu Kogile' music programme to offer 'Geeta Namana' to late singers Lata Mangeshkar and S.P. Balasubramaniam and actor 'Kalatapasvi' Rajesh, Sri Ilai Alwar Swamiji, MLA L. Nagendra, actor Mandya Ramesh, MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev, Mayor Sunanda Palanetra, Kannada Sahitya Parishat Mysuru President Maddikere Gopal and former Presidents Dr. Y.D. Rajanna & M. Chandrashekar, senior social worker K. Raghuram Vajpayee, Corporators and artistes will attend, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **5 pm.**
- **Sri Krishna Gana Sabha, Mysuru:** 20th annual celebrations, Maharaja Sri Chamaraja Wadiyar X Jayanti celebration, Gamaka Vaachana on 'Srikrishna Bhedhopaya' from Karnataka Bharatha Kathamanjari — Kavya Vaachana by Vidu. Vasantha Venkatesh (Artiste of Akashvani, Mysuru) and Vyakhyaana by Vid. Kripa Manjunath, Alwar Kalabhavana, Gokulam 3rd Stage, **6 pm.**
- **National Institute of Personnel Management (NIPM), Mysuru Chapter:** An Evening Interactive Session on 'Diversity and Inclusion in the Workplace,' Vinyas Innovative Technologies-Mysuru Managing Director N. Narendra, chief guest and key speaker, D.R. Nagaraj, Past National President, NIPM and S.N. Gopinath, Past Chairman, NIPM Karnataka, guests, Col. (Prof.) Y.S. Siddegowda, Chairman, NIPM, Mysuru and VC, Tumkur University, presides, book release — 'Badhukinanda Kale' authored by late G.S. Laxmi Prasad and published by Niruta Publications, Bengaluru, Hotel Roopa Elite, V.V. Mohalla, **6 pm.**
- **CAVA:** CAVA Mela, CAVA, German Press premises, behind new DC Office, Siddarthanagar, **12 noon to 6 pm.** [Ph: 0821-2438931]
- **Prajapitha Brahma Kumaris Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya:** As part of Mahashivarathri celebrations, Dwadasha Jyotirlinga Punya Darshana, giant Shivalinga made of sand, 'Shiva Darshana' painting expo, 3D Shivalinga Darshana, **up to 9 pm;** Samskrutika Sandhya (Cultural Evening) featuring music and dance, **6 pm to 7 pm;** Discourse 'Jeevana Darshana,' Om Shanti Mantapa, Vani Vilasa Layout, near Abhisheka Circle, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, Water Tank Road, **7 pm to 8 pm.** [Ph: 0821-4052235 or Mob: 99456-14808]
- **Gurudev Academy of Fine Arts, Mysuru:** Chetanotsava-2022, Dr. M. Mahesh Shenoy, Managing Trustee, Kamakshi Hospital, Mysuru and Vice-President, Gouda Saraswath Brahmin (GSB) Sabha, Mysuru, inaugurates, H. Channappa, Assistant Director, Kannada & Culture Department, *Karnataka Kala Shri* Dr. R.S. Nandakumar and M.R. Sunil Rao, retd. Air Force Engineer M.R. Sunil Rao chief guests, Classical Dance Recital, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **5.45 pm.**
- **The Indian Institute of Architects (IIA), Mysore Centre:** Talk on 'Precast Concrete Technology - The Future of Construction', Er. Bhavya Somashekar, CEO, PG Shetty Constructions Technology Pvt. Ltd. will be the speaker, Hotel Pai Vista, Opp. KSRTC Bus Stand, **6 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (FEB. 26)

- **Prajapitha Brahma Kumaris Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya:** As part of Mahashivarathri celebrations, Dwadasha Jyotirlinga Punya Darshana, giant Shivalinga made of sand, 'Shiva Darshana' painting expo, 3D Shivalinga Darshana, **8 am to 9 pm;** Samskrutika Sandhya (Cultural Evening) featuring music and dance, **6 pm to 7 pm;** Discourse 'Jeevana Darshana,' Om Shanti Mantapa, Vani Vilasa Layout, near Abhisheka Circle, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, Water Tank Road, **7 pm to 8 pm.** [Ph: 0821-4052235 or Mob: 99456-14808]
- **Karnataka Yakshagana Academy, Bengaluru and Kannada Sahitya Kalakoota, Mysuru:** Yaksha Sambhrama-2022, releasing of books — 'Yakshagana Kavigala Chitrakavya' authored by Dr. Kabbinale Vasantha Bharadwaj and 'Mudalapaya Yakshagana Prasanga' edited by Chikkachowdaiah Naika — by Rangayana Mysuru Director Addanda C. Cariappa, Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji graces the occasion, Karnataka Yakshagana Academy-Bengaluru Chairman Dr. G.L. Hegde presides, Akashvani Programme Executive Divakar Hegde speaks about the book, Kannada & Culture Assistant Director H. Channappa, Karnataka Yakshagana Academy Member and senior writer G.S. Bhatta and Kannada Sahitya Kalakoota Mysuru President M. Chandrashekar will be present, Jagadish Hebbar Karija comperes, **4 pm;** Yakshagana Tala-Maddale 'Shoorpanakha Naasaabhanga' — Bhagavataru - Subramanya Navuda, Maddale - Raghavendra Biduvala, Chende - Narasimha Achar, Arthadarigalu - Dr. Kabbinale Vasantha Baradhwaj (Shoorpanakhi), Vid. K. Krishnakumaracharya (Srirama) and Divakar Hegde (Lakshmana), comperer - Vid. Heramba R. Bhatta, **5.30 pm;** Yakshagana 'Bhakta Sudhanva' by Karnataka Mahila Yakshagana, Bengaluru, director - K. Gowri, Yakshagana Guru and artiste — Bhagavataru - Subramanya Navuda and Vinaya Shetty, Maddale - Raghavendra Biduvala and Gautham Sasthana, Chende - Narasimha Achar, Mummela - K. Gowri, Chaithra Rajesh, Asha Raghavendra, Srilatha, Pavithra, Suma Anilkumar, Shashikala, Chandrika, Anita Rao, Chaithra Bhat, Sowjanya Navuda and Dhruti Ammembala, Co-ordination - Ambika, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **6.30 pm.**
- **Sri Krishna Gana Sabha, Mysuru:** 20th annual celebrations, Memorial Music Concert by Vidu. M.R. Sudha (Vocal), accompanied by Vid. M.D. Arjun on violin, Vid. P.S. Sridhar on mridanga and Vid. V.S. Ramesh on morching, [Sponsored by C.M. Muniramappa & family], Alwar Kalabhavana, Gokulam 3rd Stage, **6 pm.**
- **Impressionz:** Designers Expo, Hotel Metropole, JLB Road, **10.30 am to 8.30 pm.**
- **CAVA:** CAVA Mela, CAVA, German Press premises, behind new DC Office, Siddarthanagar, **12 noon to 6 pm.** [Ph: 0821-2438931]

TiE Mysuru
Knowledge Series this evening

Mysuru, Feb. 25- TiE Mysuru Chapter has organised 'Knowledge Series' virtual session on the topic "From Jugaad to Systematic Innovation" by renowned author and columnist Prof. Rishikesha T. Krishnan, Director, Indian Institute of Management, Bengaluru (IIM-B), today (Feb.25) from 6 pm to 7.15 pm.

Prof. Rishikesha

Entrepreneurs, Startups, SMEs, Incubation Manager, Faculties and Students may attend. [Registration Link (RSVP) https://bit.ly/TiEMysFeb2022]. For details contact TiE Mysuru on Mob: +91 9448154063.

B-School Fair
in city tomorrow

Mysuru, Feb. 25- Athaya Education has organised Mysuru's B-School Fair in city for the first time tomorrow (Feb. 26) at Hotel Pai Vista. Through this event, Athaya Education intends to provide an ideal platform for Management aspirants to meet and discuss with B-School/ University representatives face to face.

Bhaskar Kalale, Vice-Chairman, Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), Mysuru Zone and Founder & CEO of Fifty5plus, will inaugurate the event at 10 am tomorrow. For registration and details, contact Mob: 90604-71747, according to a press release from Athaya Education Director Harish.

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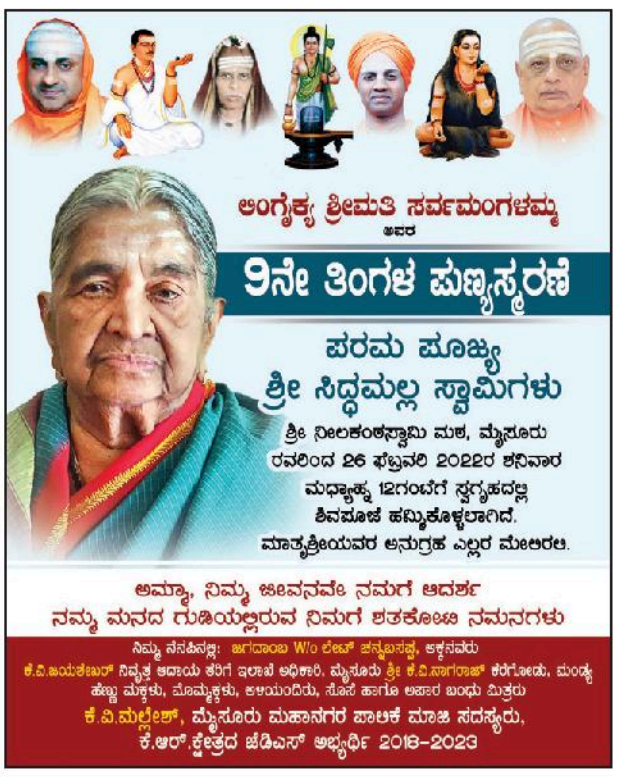

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